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SUBJECT: FISH HATCHERY COMPLEX

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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS NOTED EMBASSY'S DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW FISH HATCHERY COMPLEX AT ALBION IN REF AIRGRAM.

2. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF REF AIRGRAM SO THAT THE INFORMATION ON THE FISH HATCHERY CAN BE PUBLICIZED. IF READILY AVAILABLE, ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE TYPE OF FACILITIES TO BE CONSTRUCTED WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST SINCE IT IS CLAIMED THAT IT WILL BE "THE LARGEST AND THE MOST MODERN" HATCHERY COMPLEX IN THE WORLD. EMBASSY'S COMMENT ON WHY MAURITIUS IS CONSTRUCTING EXTENSIVE FRESHWATER RESEARCH FACILITIES WHEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES WOULD APPEAR MORE LOGICAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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3. DATA ON THE CATCH OF FRESHWATER SPECIES IS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT NMFS NOTES THAT WHILE STILL RELATIVELY SMALL, MAURITIAN MARINE FISHERIES CATCH HAS INCREASED 142 PERCENT FROM 3,100 METRIC TONS (T) IN 1970 TO 7,500 T IN 1973. KISSINGER

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